

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 74

By Stevens

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Peabody High School Golden Tide football team on winning the 2020 TSSAA Division I Class 2A State Football Championship.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors for this State; and

WHEREAS, the Peabody High School football team achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2020 season, winning the coveted Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Division I Class 2A State Football Championship; and

WHEREAS, state championships are achieved only through hard work, dedication, and the ability to work together as a team and excel with a cooperative spirit; the Golden Tide exhibited each of these rare qualities during its championship season; and

WHEREAS, enjoying an undefeated season, Peabody High School captured the state championship with a resounding 35-13 win over Meigs County High School in the BlueCross Bowl in Cookeville on the campus of Tennessee Technological University on December 5, 2020; and

WHEREAS, displaying the tenacious defense and juggernaut offense that Peabody fans have come to know and love, the Golden Tide had rolled through the playoffs, defeating Union City 35-0, McKenzie 17-10, and Waverly 42-7 to advance to the state championship game; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 state championship is the fourth in school history, as the Peabody Golden Tide previously won the Class 2A crown in 2014, 2018, and 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Peabody Golden Tide enjoys the athletic expertise and guidance of an exemplary coaching staff led by Head Coach Shane Jacobs, which includes assistants Ben

Di'Chiara, Jason Driggers, Derek Hinson, Paul Hudson, Steve Mathis, Jake Ramsey, Tyler Scott, Jay Taylor, and Tab Vowell; and

WHEREAS, the football players of Peabody High School epitomize all that is good in today's student athlete, as they have achieved the highest level of success on the field while showing the highest degree of character both on and off the field; they inspired their fellow students and united the entire community during their triumphant run through the 2020 season; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young men not only made possible a championship football season but also surely bode well for their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, we find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the Golden Tide football players of Peabody High School for serving as exemplars of the high quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate the players, coaching staff, team support staff, administrators, cheerleaders, and fans of the Peabody High School Golden Tide football team on winning the 2020 TSSAA Division I Class 2A State Football Championship.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.